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(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **language**, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:

 - international search (Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 - publication of the international application (Rule 12.4)
 - international preliminary examination (Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. With regard to the **elements** of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):

the international application as originally filed/furnished

the description:

pages _____ as originally filed/furnished

pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____

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the claims:

nos. _____ as originally filed/furnished

nos.* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19

nos.* _____ received by this Authority on _____

nos.* _____ received by this Authority on _____

the drawings:

sheets _____ as originally filed/furnished

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sheets* _____ received by this Authority on _____

a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.
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the claims, nos. _____

the drawings, sheets/figs _____

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any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): _____
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the description, pages _____

the claims, nos. _____

the drawings, sheets/figs _____

the sequence listing (*specify*): _____

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1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1–15	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1–15	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1–15	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Document 1: JP 2003-332452 A (Kabushiki Kaisha Runesasu Technology), 21 November 2003

Document 2: WO 2002/045139 A (Kabushiki Kaisha Runesasu Technology), 06 June 2002 & EP 1341214 A1 & US 2004/0053429 A1

Document 3: US 5963104 A (VLSI Technology, Inc.), 05 October 1999

Document 4: JP 2003-108363 A (Toshiba Corp.), 11 April 2003

Document 5: JP 2003-173254 A (Toshiba Corp.), 20 June 2003 & US 2003/0061250 A1

Document 6: JP 1-114211 A (SGS-Thomson Microelectronics Inc.), 02 May 1989 & EP 308294 A2

Document 7: WO 01/67231 A (KONINKLIJKE PHILIPS ELECTRONICS N. V.), 13 September 2001 & US 6631390 A & JP 2003-526151 A

The inventions set forth in claims 1 to 15 involve an inventive step in relation to documents 1 to 7 cited in the international search report. Documents 1 and 2 disclose inventions equipped with circuits for generating identification information by means of the voltage that is being superposed onto the voltage difference between

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the threshold voltages. However, the documents in question do not disclose an invention equipped with a circuit for generating random numbers by aggregating the noise that is being superposed onto the voltage difference between the threshold voltages, and it would not have been easy for a person skilled in the art to conceive of such a configuration, which employs the shortcomings of the abovementioned circuit for generating identification information in order to generate random numbers. Furthermore, the feature in question would not have been obvious to a person skilled in the art in the light of the disclosures in documents 3 to 7.